

THE LATEST NEWS.

MAGNETIC TELEGRAPH.

From Washington.

WASHINGTON, Thursday, Dec. 9, 1853.

The action of the Senatorial caucus in removing Mr. Douglas from the Chairmanship of the Committee on the Territories has created the greatest excitement. It is regarded as demonstrating the intention of the Democratic leaders to adhere to the extreme Pro-Slavery policy adopted at the last session—to reduce the Anti-Leocompton men to the position of a faction, and to drive them from the party.

A leading Southern Senator said to-day that they had temporized long enough, and that they had concluded to drive Douglas out of the party. The South will tolerate no half-way position.

The Anti-Leocompton Democrats express deep indignation at the treatment which Douglas has received. Mr. Broderick was not invited to the caucus, and is considered as having been formally read out of the party.

Mr. Seward, on hearing the result of the caucus, remarked that it was the best illustration that could possibly be given of the truth of his statement that there was an irrepressible conflict between Freedom and Slavery. It was a greater outrage, politically speaking, than the attempt to force Kansas into the Union as a Slave State; because it indicated a settled determination to tolerate no diversity of opinion upon any measure which the South demanded.

The Anti-Leocompton Democrats declare that they will not submit. Douglas said recently that he meant to continue the fight with the Administration to the end.

The movement of his friend Morris of Illinois in the House to-day in favor of Free-trade and Popular Sovereignty, is understood to be an Anti-Administration demonstration.

Jefferson Davis and Slidell led the attack on Douglas in the caucus. There were only seven votes for Douglas. They were thrown by Messrs. Shields, Stuart, Clingman, Brown, Toombs, Green, and Bigler. These seven Senators protested against the exclusion of Douglas as suicidal to the party. The debate lasted from 10½ in the morning to a late hour this afternoon, with an hour's recess from 12 to 1 o'clock for a session of the Senate. Great bitterness was manifested, and Mr. Toombs left the caucus in disgust, while the dissension was at its height.

It seems pretty certain that Mr. Hunter will be the Administration candidate for the nomination of the Charleston Convention. The President has recently expressed himself strongly in favor of Hunter's nomination.

The House to-day was occupied almost wholly with Judge Watrous's case. The opinion seems to be settling favorably toward the Judge. Mr. Tappan made an able speech in his defense, which was listened to with great attention, and will have a powerful effect on the action of the House.

To the Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Thursday, Dec. 9, 1853.

The Legislature of Minnesota, with high appreciation of the liberality of Congress, presented to-day, through Senator Rice, a memorial asking for aid to construct a wagon road from Lake Superior to the State Pass of the Rocky Mountains, and also for a large number of appropriations for internal improvements.

Charles S. Jones, the Democratic Caucus nominee for Doorkeeper of the Senate, was elected to-day by thirty-one votes. Twelve Republicans voted for Lewis Clapham, the clerk of The National Era office. Four votes were also cast for two other gentlemen.

The Democratic Senators in Caucus have arranged the Standing Committees. The most important change is the substitution of Mr. Green for Mr. Douglas, as Chairman of the Committee on Territories.

The Indian Bureau has received a letter from Dr. Korney, Superintendent of Indian Affairs for Utah. About the 1st of November he returned from Humboldt River to Salt Lake City, whither he went to inquire about the robbery of the mail and other outrages. He found the Indians quiet, but in a destitute and very degraded condition, and ready to make a restitution and enter into a treaty to obey the laws of the United States.

It is said that the Nicaragua filibusters have their rendezvous somewhere in the Florida Keys. There is little if any doubt that the steamer Fashion, which left Mobile on the 1st of December, was intended for the Florida Keys, and that a large number of them, together with ammunition. Our Government is not kept fully advised of their plans and movements.

New Orleans papers of Friday state that the United States District Court at Key West has decreed the condemnation of the bark Lyra and her cargo, that vessel having been seized on suspicion of being fitted out for the slave-trade.

XXXVth CONGRESS.

SECOND SESSION.

SENATE.—WASHINGTON, Dec. 9, 1853.

Mr. Crittenden appeared in his seat.

Messrs. Toombs and Johnson (Tenn.) were also in their places.

Various resolutions were presented.

Mr. BRIGHT (Ind.) offered a resolution that the Committee on Public Buildings inquire and report when the new Senate Chamber will be ready for occupancy.

Mr. IVERSON (Ga.) gave notice of a motion for an early day to abolish the franking privilege, and to substitute for it a commutation in money.

CHARLES S. JONES was elected Door-keeper. [Mr. Jones was previously Assistant Door-keeper.]

A report was presented from the Secretary of State, communicating an abstract of the registered American seamen, which was ordered to be printed.

Various memorials were presented, but they were generally of an unimportant character, except one from the Legislature of Minnesota asking an appropriation for the improvement of the Mississippi and St. Croix Rivers, and for land for railroads.

Adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The SPEAKER announced the Standing Committees.

HOUSE COMMITTEES.

COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS.—Messrs. Boyce, Washburn (Me.), Stevenson, Clark (Conn.), Wright (Tenn.), Gilmer, La Motte, Wilson, Cleveland.

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.—Messrs. Phelps (Me.), Leitch, Davis (Md.), Kelly, Howard, Phillips, Dowdell, McClellan, and Merrill.

COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS.—Messrs. Marshall (Ill.), Arnold, Giddings, Davidson, Kunkel, Moore, Goodwin, Jackson, and Maynard.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE.—Messrs. John C. Calhoun, Millard, Washburn (Ill.), Miles, Wade, Stillwell, Lundy, and Condit.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS.—Messrs. Cobb, McQueen, Bennett, Davis (Ind.), Garnett, Ruffin, Hill, Montgomery, and McKibbin.

COMMITTEE ON POST-OFFICES AND POST-ROADS.—Messrs. English, Powell, Wood, Scott, Horton, Davis (Iowa), Craig (N. Y.), Davis (Maine), and Allen.

COMMITTEE ON THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—Messrs. Good, Bowie, Dodd, Burnett, Morris (Pa.), Wright (Ga.), Dean, Seale, and Allen.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY.—Messrs. Houston, Calkins, Taylor, Craig (N. C.), Blodgett, Taylor (La.), Ready, Chapman, Clark (N. Y.).

COMMITTEE ON REVOLUTIONARY CLAIMS.—Messrs. Geo. Taylor, Clawson, Craig, Johnson, Loring, Curry, Davies, and Vance.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC EXPENDITURES.—Messrs. Elliott, Edmundson, Condit, Wooten, Parker, Goodrich, Kellogg, Greig, and Walton.

COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE LAND CLAIMS.—Messrs. Sandridge, McKibbin, Harlan, Hawkins, Washburn (Wis.), Blair, Foster, Gilman, and Avery.

COMMITTEE ON PATENTS.—Messrs. Bishop, Watkins, Biss, Clement, Duffee, Allen, Richard, Shaw (N. C.), and Foster.

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE.—Messrs. Wadsworth, Hill, Allen, and May.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS.—Messrs. Greenwood, Scott, Leitch, Bryan, Woodson, Shorter, Burroughs, Quinn, and Allen.

COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AFFAIRS.—Messrs. Perkins, Mitchell, J. S. Sargent, Stanton, Burdick, Curtis, Freese, and Blodgett.

COMMITTEE ON NAVAL AFFAIRS.—Messrs. Woodcock, Fenner, Davis (Mass.), Winslow, Corning, Spencer (Ohio), Seward, Minor (Me.), and Hawkins.

COMMITTEE ON TERRITORY AFFAIRS.—Messrs. Houston, Burleigh, Gray, Riddle, Barakatta, Stokes, Boyce, Greenwald, and Burleigh.

COMMITTEE ON THE TERRITORIES.—Messrs. Stephen Smith (Vt.), Jones, Vallandigham, Grant, Higher, Goldsborough, Hays, Fairbank, HSE, McKim, Leidy, Patrick, Shaw (N. C.), Abbott, Cleveland, and Potter.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN PENITENTIARIES.—Messrs. Jewett, Ferguson, Robbins, Sawyer, Claflin, Rogers, Allen, and Potbury.

COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND CANALS.—Messrs. Jones (Tenn.), Telford, Andrews, Warren, Morris (Ill.), Thompson, Zeno, and Allen.

COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS.—Messrs. Stearns, Dick, Powell, Kunkel (Md.), and Sumner.

COMMITTEE ON MILITARY EXPENDITURES.—Messrs. Hill, Murray, Pike (Me.), and Sumner.

COMMITTEE ON ENVOYING.—Messrs. Adams, Hatch, and Underwood.

COMMITTEE ON EXPENDITURES IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT.—Messrs. Owen Jones (Pa.), Curry, Bingham, Avery, and Hoad.

COMMITTEE ON EXPENDITURES IN THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT.—Messrs. Lawrence, White, Kibben, Kunkel (Md.), and Gentry.

COMMITTEE ON EXPENDITURES IN THE WAR DEPARTMENT.—Messrs. Reilly, Clark B. Cochrane, Goodrich, Stewart (Pa.), and Wright (Tenn.).

COMMITTEE ON EXPENDITURES IN THE NAVY DEPARTMENT.—Messrs. Houston, Miller, Pettit, Powell, and Davis (Me.).

COMMITTEE ON EXPENDITURES IN THE POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT.—Messrs. Tappan, Rogers, Palmer, Burns, and Foley.

COMMITTEE ON EXPENDITURES ON THE PUBLIC BUILDINGS.—Messrs. Taylor, Washburn (Wis.), Waller, and Olin.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE LIBRARY.—Messrs. Dimmock, Washburn, and Potter.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON PRINTING.—Messrs. Smith (Tenn.), Stephen, and Nichols.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS.—Messrs. Davidson and Pike.

REGENTS OF THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION.—Messrs. Edwards, Smith, Hall (Md.), and Watkins.

Mr. MORRIS (Ill.) gave notice of his intention to introduce a bill providing for the election of Governors and Judges by the people in the organized Territories; also, a bill to admit sugar and molasses free of duty, and also a bill to amend the naturalization laws.

The report of the Judiciary Committee in the case of Judge Watrous was then taken up.

Mr. READY (Tenn.) wanted a postponement until next Thursday, in order to enable the Members to look into the case.

Mr. HUSTON (Ala.) said that if this case, which involves impeachment, is to consume the time of the Senate, that body ought at once to be enabled to take the preliminary steps on the subject. Therefore he was opposed to postponement.

Mr. CLARK (N. Y.) remarked that the facts and evidence covered 2,000 pages, and members should have an opportunity to look into it.

Mr. JOHN COCHRANE (N. Y.) thought the case claimed a comprehensive and proper decision, and now was the time to prepare for it.

Mr. BEGAN (N. Y.) thought the House would not postpone the case from day to day, as the effect might be to defeat action on the subject this session.

After further debate, the House refused to postpone, and proceeded to the consideration of the subject.

Mr. CHAPMAN (Penn.) remarked that two memorials had been sent to the House asking for the impeachment of Judge Watrous of Texas, and proceeded to review the facts and testimony in the case, involving charges that he was secretly engaged in, and speculation, showing a degree of official misconduct which, in his opinion, was sufficient to justify impeachment.

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Mr. TAPPAN (N. H.) was opposed to the impeachment of Judge Watrous. He asked the House to examine the evidence, and not be diverted from the proper line of proceeding by outside pressure.

Mr. CLARK (N. Y.) said that he would say whether Watrous was innocent or guilty. The resolutions of the Legislature of Texas in condemnation of his conduct, grew out of his decision touching the statute of limitations, and affecting the pockets of the people of that State. The decision was sustained by the Supreme Court of the United States. He said there was no evidence to show that Watrous contemplated sitting as Judge of his own cause, and that in the purchase of land he lost none of his rights as a citizen of Texas. Judge Watrous had nothing to prevent him from coming from this country without even a smile on his garments. Instead of concealing the evidence, he showed that Watrous promptly disclosed that he had an interest in certain cases in connection with which charges were brought against him. Mr. Tappan entered into a general defense for this purpose. Adjourned.

Non-Arrival of the Persia.

SANDY HOOK, Thursday, Dec. 9, 11 p. m.

There are as yet no signs of the steamship Persia, now due off this point, with Liverpool dates of the 27th ult. Weather clear, and blowing a gale from the N. N. W.

The Filibusters.

MOBILE, Thursday, Dec. 9, 1853.

The schooner Susan, captured on Tuesday afternoon. The cutter McClelland got aground in Navy Cove, and when she got off, the schooner was about four hundred miles away. The filibusters here are greatly elated.

The Slave Echo Case.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Thursday, Dec. 9, 1853.

The Judges of the Federal Court have declared the law of 1830 constitutional, and have remanded the prisoners in the Slave Echo case to await the action of the Grand Jury, at the next term of the Court, on the charge of piracy.

The English Lords.

HALFAY, Thursday, Dec. 9, 1853.

Lord Bury has reason to believe that the rumor of the loss of Lord Cavendish and Grosvenor, and the Hon Mr. Ashley is incorrect, and says he understood that they had arrived safe at Fort Garry.

U. S. Supreme Court.

WASHINGTON, Thursday, Dec. 9, 1853.

The U. S. Supreme Court met to-day. Chief Justice Taney, and Justices Catron, Daniel, Nelson, Grier, Clifford and Campbell, were present.

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